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CALIFORNIA GANG REDUCTION, INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Is this the same as the CalGRIP Program administered by the Employment Development Department (EDD)?

A: No. There are two separate local assistance programs, one administered by EDD and the other administered by the Office of Emergency Services (OES). Both of these programs are titled the CalGRIP Program because both programs were established by Governor Schwarzenegger's CalGRIP Initiative. The contact person for the OES CalGRIP Program is Cindy Chapman, who can be reached at (916) 324-9190, or via email at cindy.chapman@oes.ca.gov. The contact person for the EDD CalGRIP Program is Melissa Ochoa, who can be contacted at (916) 653-1263. The Solicitation for Proposals for the EDD CalGRIP Program can be accessed through the EDD website through the following link:

http://www.edd.ca.gov/Jobs_and_Training/WDSFP_Workforce_Development_Solicitations_for_Proposals.htm.

Q: The Eligibility Questionnaire form is not listed in the Forms Section of the OES website. How should that form be accessed?

A: That form can be accessed through the link in the Request for Proposals (RFP). There is a list of Forms at the end of the Table of Contents. The title of each form is a hyperlink that will lead directly to the form. The instructions in the RFP, Part I Section D, on Eligibility direct the applicant to the section on the OES website that has all of the generic forms for OES applications. Those instructions are erroneous. Three of the forms in the RFP are specific to the CalGRIP Program and are not included in the website section of generic forms. Those three forms are the Eligibility Questionnaire, the Project Workplan, and the Partner Roles and Responsibilities Chart. All three of those forms should be accessed by clicking on the title of the form at the end of the Table of Contents in the RFP.

Q: Do applicants have to submit the Eligibility Questionnaire and have it approved by OES before they can submit a proposal?

A: No. The Eligibility Questionnaire must be submitted with the Proposal. That Questionnaire will be reviewed by OES staff prior to the rating of the proposal. Any applicant determined to be ineligible will be immediately notified.

Q: Will there be a bidder's conference for Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)?

A: No. The sole purpose for the bidder's conference scheduled for October 27, 2008 is for city applicants to learn more about the evidence-based strategy detailed in the RFP for cities.

Q: Are county agencies eligible to apply for funding?

A: Per the California State Budget Act of 2008/09, only city agencies and community-based organizations are eligible to apply for and receive funding for CalGRIP.

Q: Can we use any of the OJJDP or Blueprint Model Programs and receive the 10 points, or do we need to use the Ceasefire Model?

A: Applicants can use any of the OJJDP or Blueprint Model Programs to receive the 10 points, but are not limited to the OJJDP or Blueprint Model Programs. As stated in the RFP, applicants can use an evidence-based program or strategy from another source, as long as the applicant describes and cites the research or authority that shows the proposed programs or strategies are evidence-based (see RFP, Part II, A, 2.1).

Q: Given that the unemployment rate has increased, and that we are located in the Central Valley area, has any of your programs targeted labor contractors? Most of the people involved in gangs in our area have parents that are farm laborers; I don't see the labor contractors as stakeholders, which they should be?

A: There are several places in the RFP where suggested stakeholders and partner agencies are mentioned. The suggested stakeholders listed for the "Reducing Gang and Youth Gun Violence through Focused Deterrence and Employment" strategy described in the RFP are those that need to be involved *at a minimum*, in order for the strategy to be successful. The required membership of the Coordinating and Advisory Council (see RFP, Part II, A, 2.4) was defined by the Legislature in the state budget language that created the OES CalGRIP funding opportunity. The partner organizations listed on the "Partner Agency Roles and Responsibilities" form are suggestions only; applicants can add lines and list additional organizations to fit their proposals. Applicants are encouraged to develop a list of stakeholder organizations that meets the unique needs of their target populations and target communities.

Q: The Rating Form – page 28 of the RFP for CBOs states that the preference points for the Enterprise Zone (EZ) will be 5% (15 points) or 2 % (6 points); however, page 30 states the preference points for the EZ will be 5% (13.75) or 2% (5.5 points). Which is correct?

A: The Enterprise Zone preference point values listed on page 30 (13.75 and 5.5) of the RFP for CBOs are the correct ones for that RFP. These values represent 5% and 2% of the total points possible (275) for CBO applicants. The point values listed on page 28 are incorrect because they reflect 5% and 2% of the total points possible (300) for City applicants.

Q: Part I, Section E, Funds, states "Of the total amount allocated for cities, at least \$962,000 (\$1,000,000 less administrative costs) will be allocated to at least two cities with heavy gang concentrations in the San Francisco Bay Area, and at least \$962,000 (\$1,000,000 less administrative costs) will be allocated to at least two cities with heavy gang concentrations in the Central Valley." Does this mean two cities will receive \$962,000 in grant funds?

A: A city cannot request more than \$400,000. This means that at least two cities in the San Francisco Bay Area will be funded and at least two cities in the Central Valley will be funded.

Q: Do CBO applicants need to budget \$160,000 for a two year period, or will \$160,000 be awarded annually for two years?

A: The maximum amount of funding awarded per CBO applicant is \$160,000 for the life of the grant

Q: Can applicants submit Enterprise Zone Preference Points Certification forms that were certified during the previous CalGRIP funding cycle?

A: No, an applicant must submit a new Enterprise Zone Preference Points Certification Form that refers specifically to the proposed 2008/2009 CalGRIP project.

Q: In the Checklist and Required Sequence document for CBOs, it states that proposals must include the "Membership Roster for Coordinating and Advisory Council"; however, it is not addressed in the RFP. Is this a requirement?

A: This is an error in the RFP for CBOs. This requirement is specific to city applicants only.

This document will be updated on a weekly basis. Applicants are encouraged to review this document at the end of each week to see if new questions and answers have been identified. Additional questions may be asked by contacting Cindy Chapman, Special Projects Coordinator of the OES Crime and Gangs Branch, at cindy.chapman@oes.ca.gov or at (916) 324-9190.